IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

Writ Petition No.28697 of 1997
DATED 1-3-2007

BETWEEN
P.Rajani

.. Petitioner

And

The Regional Manager,
A.P.S.R.T.C. Guntur Region,
Guntur and another.

.. Respondents

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN

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ORDER:

The relief sought for in this writ petition is to direct the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Conductor without insisting on the requirement of height of 153 cms.

The petitioner, whose height is said to be 151 cms, questions the criteria prescribed for appointment to the post of Conductor as 153 cms, as arbitrary and illegal. She would contend that, but for this height restriction, she is fully eligible and qualified to be considered for appointment to the post of Conductor.

Sri R.Manmadha Reddy, learned standing counsel for the Corporation while submitting that the stipulation of height of 153 cms is a matter for the Corporation, in its wisdom to decide and that it is not for the petitioner to claim that a different height should be prescribed as a criteria, would submit that even otherwise, the petitioner was not entitled to be appointed as a Conductor in the respondent Corporation, inasmuch as the selection was based on satisfaction of medical standards and the marks obtained in the SSC examination. Learned standing counsel would submit that the last selected candidate in the BC-B category, to which the petitioner belongs, had secured 74.40 marks among the female candidates and 83.60 marks among the male candidates, and as the petitioner secured only 69.80 marks, which is much less than the marks secured by the last selected BC-B candidate, she is not entitled to claim appointment to the post of Conductor.

Inasmuch as the marks secured by the petitioner were less than the marks secured by the last selected candidate in the BC-B women category, the question of her being appointed in the respondent Corporation does not arise. It is, therefore, wholly unnecessary for this Court to examine the question as to whether the Corporation was justified in prescribing 153 cms height for a women, to be appointed as a conductor, in the Corporation. The writ petition fails and is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

RAMESH RANGANATHAN,J

Dt: 1.3.2007
msv.